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SUBJ: NSF/KKI PROGRAM: US VISIT OF KKI DELEGATION

REF: BUDAPEST 2917

STATE PASS HULL/NSF; COMMERCE FOR BEWT (TREICHEL)

1. EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH HORCHLER OCT 22 CONCERNING HIS VISIT TO US TO DISCUSS SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAMS. HORCHLER STATED FRANKLY THAT HE HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN DELEGATION DUE TO FEELING ON HUNGARIAN SIDE THAT NSF/KKI PROGRAM RESULTS TO DATE MAY HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF ORIGINAL EXPECTATIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT IN HUNGARY TO GET PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZERS OF THE PROGRAM TO COMMENT FREELY ON THEIR EXPERIENCES AND THAT HOPEFULLY AS RESULT OF VISIT TO US IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN PRIMARY REASONS FOR LIMITED RESULTS WHICH NSF/KKI PROGRAM HAD ACHIEVED SO FAR. HORCHLER EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT LASANYI'S LEADERSHIP OF DELEGATION AS HE SAID LATTER WAS TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH US/HUNGARIAN SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND WOULD PROBABLY USE VISIT AS FAMILIARIZATION TOUR RATHER THAN SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF SUCH PROGRAMS.

2. HORCHLER REQUESTED THAT IF POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT BE MADE FOR HIM WITH ZARB OF OMB. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE MEETING ARRANGED WITH TREICHEL OF BEWT AT COMMERCE. PEDERSEN

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